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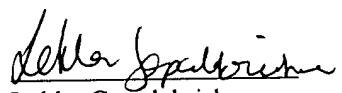
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- 1) Response to Office Action Mailed May 22, 2002;
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 22, 2002**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully respond as follows.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Amended) A nucleic acid microchip prepared by the method of claim 1 comprising:  
attaching nucleic acid molecules to a first surface of a first chip, and  
contacting said first surface of said first chip with a first surface of a second chip.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121: